Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A connector for a ribbon cable, comprising:

a housing having a ribbon cable receiving region extending between a front surface and a back surface of the housing; and

substantially u-shaped retention clips arranged on the back surface of the housing that extend into the ribbon cable receiving region, the retention clips being arranged at a fixed spacing such that spaces are formed between the retention clips for receiving contact elements, the retention clips being molded in a single piece with the housing.

2. (previously presented) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the retention clips have a first side that forms a contact surface for the ribbon cable and a second side that forms a bearing and retention surface for the ribbon cable.

3. (original) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the retention clips are arranged parallel to each other.

4. (currently amended) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the housing has an actuation surface that extends adjacent to the ribbon cable receiving ~~recess~~ region for biasing the contact elements toward the ribbon cable receiving region.

5. (currently amended) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the housing has longitudinal side walls that extend between the front surface and the back surface, at least one of the longitudinal side walls having an elastic support element with a cam for positively locking the connector to a contact socket.

6. (original) The connector according to claim 1, further comprising retaining pins for retaining the ribbon cable in the housing.

7. (original) The connector according to claim 6, wherein the retaining pins extend between an upper surface and lower surface of the housing.

8. (original) The connector according to claim 7, wherein the retaining pins are fixed to the housing.

10. (previously presented) A connector, comprising:

a housing having a ribbon cable receiving region extending between a front surface and a back surface of the housing;

a ribbon cable disposed in the ribbon cable receiving region and having contact sections arranged at the back surface of the housing; and

substantially u-shaped retention clips arranged on the back surface of the housing that receive a portion of the ribbon cable, the retention clips being arranged at a fixed spacing such that spaces are formed between the retention clips for receiving contact elements, the spaces exposing the contact sections of the ribbon cable for contact with the contact elements.

11. (previously presented) The connector according to claim 10, wherein the retention clips are arranged parallel to each other.

12. (original) The connector according to claim 11, wherein the retention clips have a first side that forms a contact surface for the ribbon cable and a second side that forms a bearing and retention surface for the ribbon cable.

13. (original) The connector according to claim 10, wherein the housing has an actuation surface that extends adjacent to the contact sections for biasing the contact elements toward the contact sections.

14. (currently amended) The connector according to claim 10, wherein the housing has longitudinal side walls that extend between the front surface and the back surface, at least one of the longitudinal side walls having an elastic support element with a cam for positively locking the connector to a contact socket.

15. (original) The connector according to claim 10, further comprising retaining pins for retaining the ribbon cable in the housing.

16. (original) The connector according to claim 15, wherein the retaining pins extend between an upper surface and lower surface of the housing.

17. (original) The connector according to claim 16, wherein the retaining pins are fixed to the housing.

18. (original) The connector according to claim 10, wherein the contact sections are formed on top and bottom surfaces of the ribbon cable.

19. (original) The connector according to claim 10, wherein the retention clips are molded to the housing.

20. (previously presented) A connector arrangement, comprising:

a contact socket having first and second contact elements;

a connector having a ribbon cable receiving region extending between a front surface and a back surface thereof, the connector being receivable in the contact socket;

a ribbon cable disposed in the ribbon cable receiving region, the ribbon cable having contact sections formed on top and bottom surfaces thereof; and

substantially u-shaped retention clips formed on the back surface of the connector that receive a portion of the ribbon cable, the retention clips being arranged at a fixed spacing such that spaces are formed between the retention clips that expose the contact sections, the first and second contact elements being receivable in the spaces, the retention clips being molded in a single piece with the connector.

21. (previously presented) The connector arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the retention clips are arranged parallel to each other.

22. (original) The connector arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the housing has an actuation surface for biasing the second contact element toward the respective contact sections.

23. (original) The connector arrangement according to claim 22, wherein the second contact element includes third and fourth contact elements that essentially form an oval shape.

24. (currently amended) The connector arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the housing has longitudinal side walls that extend between the front surface and the back surface, at least one of the longitudinal side walls having an elastic support element with a cam for positively locking the connector to the contact socket.

25. (original) The connector arrangement according to claim 20, further comprising retaining pins for retaining the ribbon cable in the housing.

26. (original) The connector arrangement according to claim 25, wherein the retaining pins extend between an upper surface and lower surface of the housing.